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Solid Wood Products

Auction of Permits to Import U.S. Wood Products 2002

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Report Highlights:

On March 6, 2002 the Mexican government published an announcement that on April 8 it will conduct an auction for permits to import 149,245 metric tons of U.S. wood products for the remainder of calendar year 2002. This auction is part of Mexico's NAFTA market access commitments.

On March 6, 2002 the Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexican Federal Register) the auction for "Quota Certificates" (*Certificados de Cupo*) to import wood products from the United States for 2002. These imports are part of the tariff-rate quotas established under NAFTA. The auction is to allocate import permits to eligible Mexican importers. The acution is not to solicit bids for sales.

The auctions for the quota certificates will be directed by SE's Directorate General of Services for Foreign Trade. Required auction documentation can be picked up by interested parties beginning March 13, 2002 (09:00 a.m. - 02:00 p.m.) at the following address, as well as in the SE's Federal Delegations or Under-delegations across the country:

"Ventanilla de Cupos TLC"
Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial
Insurgentes Sur 1940, Planta Baja
Colonia Florida, Delegacion Alvaro Obregon
Mexico, D.F. C.P. 01030

This documentation is free of charge. The registration of bids will be one hour before and until the time stipulated below in SE's assembly hall "Competitividad," located at the same address previously mentioned.

Auction Details:

AUCTION NUMBER	TARIFF NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF "QUOTA CERTIFICATE"	AUCTION QUANTITY MT	TIME/DATE OF AUCTION
019/2002	4407.10.01	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm; pine (ocote) or fir (oyamel), planks, boards and beams	119,700	10:00 a.m. April 8, 2002
020/2002	4407.99.99	Lumber (other). Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger -jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm.	2,470	11:00 a.m. April 8, 2002

021/2002	4407.10.02	Softwood lumber: plank, boards and beams, other than articles in subdivision 4407.10.01. Coniferous (Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm.)	9,500	12:00 p.m. April 8, 2002
022/2002	4407.91.01	Of oak (Quercus spp.), red oak included (wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger -jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm.)	3,325	1:00 p.m. April 8, 2002
023/2002	4403.10.01	Treated with paint, stain, creosote or other preservatives (wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared).	14,250	2:00 p.m. April 8, 2002

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